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Note verbale dated 10 August 1981 from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in conformity with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, has the honour to transmit information concerning space objects launched by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in May 1981 and concerning objects previously launched into earth orbit which are no longer in orbit.

REGISTRATION DATA ON SPACE OBJECTS LAUNCHED BY THE USSR IN MAY 1981

1. In May 1981, the USSR launched the following space objects:

	Name of space object	Date of launching	Basic orbit characteristics				General purpose of space object
			Apogee (km)	Perigee (km)	Inclination (degrees)	Period (minutes)	
1577	COSMOS-1269	7 May					Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space.
1578	SOYUZ-40	14 May					Transport to the SALYUT-6 orbital station of the ninth international crew under the INTERCOSMOS programme, comprising L. I. Popov (USSR) and D. Pruneriu (Romania), to conduct scientific research and experiments.
1579	METEOR-2	15 May					Gathering meteorological information and data on penetrating radiation fluxes in circumterrestrial space.
1580	COSMOS-1270	18 May					Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space.
1581	COSMOS-1271	19 May					Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space.

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1582	COSMOS-1272	21 May					Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space.
1583	COSMOS-1273	22 May					Investigation of the natural resources of the earth in the interests of various branches of the national economy of the USSR and international co-operation.

All objects were launched from the territory of the USSR.

2. The following space objects ceased to exist in May 1981 and were no longer in earth orbit at 2400 hours Moscow time on 31 May:

COSMOS-482 (1972-023A)

SOYUZ T-4 (1981-023A)

COSMOS-1268 (1981-040A)

SOYUZ-40 (1981-042A)